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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 6844 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
MOGADISCIO, NAIROBI, CAIRO, DJIBOUTI, JIDDA, KHARTOUM,  
LONDON, PARIS, SANA AND USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN DEC 12.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 6844

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PBOR, SHUM,ET, SO, OREP (TSONGAS, PAUL AND BONKER, DON)

SUBJECT: MENGISTU ON CROSSING SOMALI BORDER, OAU NEGOTIATIONS,  
NON-ALIGNMENT.

1. FOLLOWING FORTHRIGHT DISCUSSIONS AT MOFA MORNING DEC 13  
WITH CONGRESSMAN TSONGAS ON ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND ETHIO-  
US RELATIONS, CHAIRMAN MENGISTU AGREED RECEIVE CODEL TSONGAS/BONKER  
EVENING SAME DAY. (CONGRESSMAN BONKER'S ARRIVAL HAD BEEN  
DELAYED BY TEMPORARY CLOSING ADDIS AIRPORT DUE SOVIET  
PLANE'S BEING STUCK ON RUNWAY.) AT MEETING ATTENDED BY  
BOTH CONGRESSMEN, CHARGE' AND SALTER, MENGISTU STATED  
CATEGORICALLY, "WE HAVE NO OBJECTIVE OF CROSSING OUR BORDER  
ONCE WE HAVE THROWN OUT SOMALIS. WE ARE NOT GOING TO REPEAT  
SAME MISTAKE SOMALIS MADE." MADE POINT OAU DOES NOT HAVE  
MILITARY FORCE SO NO ONE SHOULD EXPECT IT TO IMPOSE  
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POLITICAL SOLUTION. MENGISTU ALSO REAFFIRMED POLICY OF  
NON-ALIGNMENT AND DESIRE FOR FRIENDS IN WEST AS WELL AS EAST.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING CURRENT VIOLENCE IN  
ETHIOPIA MENGISTU SAID HE WOULD NOT HIDE SITUATION. "CERTAIN  
MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN ON THE SPOT", BUT HE INDICATED  
THEY ARE NECESSARY TO DEFEND REVOLUTION IN PERIOD WHEN ELECTED

OFFICIALS ARE BEING ASSASSINATED.

3. EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED BY THIS LATEST EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANCE  
EPMG ATTACHES TO US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS.

4. MENGISTU HAD A LOT TO SAY ABOUT REVOLUTION AND RELATIONS  
WITH USSR WHOSE COURAGE HE BELIEVES US SHOULD ADMIRE. FULLER  
ANALYSIS AND REPORTING WILL FOLLOW.

5. EMBASSY NAIROBI SHOULD ALERT LOCAL PRESS THAT CODEL WILL  
WISH TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE ON ETHIOPIA SEGMENT OF VISIT AFTER  
ARRIVAL. PRESS CONVERENCE WOULD BE WELCOME. MATHERON  
UNQUOTE VANCE

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